[Mr. C. K. Sankara Pillai.]

(*b*) whether any representations have been made to the Government for widening and deepening this thodu ;

(*c*) whether any action has been taken to improve it ; and

(*d*) if not, the reasons for the same ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) and (*d*) An estimate has been prepared. Further steps could be taken only after ascertaining the willingness of the ryots to pay cess.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnathur*): May I know when the estimate was prepared ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: In 1939.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Was any step taken to ascertain the willingness of the ryots ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes, through the Revenue Department.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: What is the result of the investigation ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The result is not yet known.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether it is the policy of Government to ascertain the willingness of ryots in the matter of constructing irrigation canals ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes. The delay is due to the fault of the ryots.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: May I know whether there is already an existing thodu which can be used as a navigation canal ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: A portion is existing as a navigation canal.

Culvert on the Vizhinjam-Poovar Road.

237. ***MR. J. T. MORAES** (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that a culvert constructed on the Vizhinjam-Poovar Road near the place called Chappathu (ചപ്പാത്ത്) has sunk down and the stream is flowing over the road obstructing traffic ; and

(*b*) if so, how long it is since the culvert has sunk down ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

Bridge at Vettikal Market.

238. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the present condition of the bridge at Vettikal Market in Vaipur Pakuthi, Tiruvalla taluk ;

(*b*) the period during which there has been no bridge at the above place ; and

(*c*) the reason for the delay in constructing the above bridge ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Not very good being a temporary structure.

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